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Charity aims to help 500 people into work

A NATIONAL charity running a new employment scheme in Kidderminster says the project could help more than 500 job-seekers in the town and surrounding region to find work.

Employment charity Shaw Trust will deliver services in Kidderminster as part of the Government's new Work Programme.

Shaw Trust aims to work with more than 500 people in the area,

helping to reduce the 8.8 per cent unemployment rate in the region.

Its advisers will use their expertise and networks to help people find and secure work.

The Trust will work with clients on a one-to-one basis to meet an individual's specific needs.

Anne Seddon, head of service at Shaw Trust said: "We are thrilled to help deliver the Government's new Work Programme in Kidderminster."

"We believe that everyone has the right to work and we'll be aiming, not just to help people on their road to a job, but help them stay in employment in the longer term."

Innovative

"Addressing even small changes can make a big difference."

Minister for Employment Chris Grayling said: "I am delighted that national charity the Shaw Trust

will be delivering innovative back to work support."

"The Work Programme is revolutionary in the way it will tailor support to jobseekers' individual needs and pay organisations primarily for getting people into sustained employment."

"People around the country on out of work benefits who have previously been shunted from dole queue to training room to dole queue again will now finally be

able to access support that's built around their needs."

Shaw Trust will act in partnership with service company Sercio, on behalf of Job Centre Plus.

It has 29 years' experience in supporting people in disadvantaged circumstances or with disability to find and sustain employment.

More information on the charity is available at www.shaw-trust.org.uk

Rail station's revamp is in the sidings

A £3.5MILLION revamp of Kidderminster railway station remains off the rails with transport chiefs no closer to finding cash to bankroll the work.

Plans for a new station building, forecourt and pedestrian access came to a halt in April when a cash bid to the Regional Growth Fund was rejected.

And nearly three months on Worcestershire County Council officers say they are still looking for alternative sources of cash to start the project.

No suitable funding option has been found so far but the authority said it remained "absolutely committed" to the redevelopment.

Work on the scheme was originally expected to begin in January but the development was put back to await the findings of the Government's comprehensive spending review.

Continue

The scheme was further delayed for talks between the county council and its partner, London Midland.

It was then decided to bid for the Regional Growth Fund cash which proved unsuccessful, leaving the authority searching for a new way of funding the scheme.

Talks are set to continue in a bid to get the project back on track.

Council spokeswoman Kirsty Crawley said: "We are absolutely committed to the significant improvement of Kidderminster Railway Station."

Bursting to win a prize

SHOPPERS are guaranteed a prize if they take part in a Kidderminster charity event this weekend.

Bon Marche, based in Roland Hill Shopping Centre, is inviting customers to burst a balloon to win a prize.

It's £1 a go and every balloon contains a raffle ticket which guarantees a prize, such as a Bon Marche outfit, food hamper, sweets and a bottle of wine.

The event, Go Mad Go Green, is to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It runs tomorrow and Saturday, from 9am-5.30pm.

Road rage – driver is grabbed by throat

A DRIVER grabbed another motorist by the throat in a road rage incident in Kidderminster on Sunday.

The victim was travelling in a red Peugeot with his wife and young child and had just turned right off St Mary's Ringway into Lower Mill Street towards Sainsbury's at 7.30pm when he was suddenly forced to stop by a black Land Rover which pulled up sharply.

The driver of the Land Rover got out, reached in through the Peugeot window and grabbed the victim around the neck.

A woman also got out of the Land Rover and approached the victim's wife, who was in the passenger seat.

The Land Rover driver was white and aged around 30, around 6ft, stocky with brown, wavy, gelled hair. He was wearing a white shirt and sunglasses.

The woman was also white, in her mid to late 20s, around 5ft 3in, slim with long blonde hair. She was wearing a printed jumpsuit and high heeled shoes.

Pc Kayley Perkins said: "There was an incident involving these vehicles on the ring road near the Horsefair island, during which the Range Rover swerved several times in front of the Peugeot."

"We urgently need to speak to anyone who witnessed either the assault or the earlier incident."

Call police on 0300 333 3000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

NEW HOME JOY FOR RESIDENTS

RESIDENTS at an old Kidderminster care home have been told they will be transferred to new accommodation.

The decision ends months of worry for families of the 10 residents at Consterdyne, in Mason Road. All 10 have learning disabilities.

Around £250,000 will be spent on refurbishing a redundant housing block, The Woodlands, to prepare for the change.

It would have cost an estimated £1.1million to carry out the refurbishment necessary at Consterdyne for the 10 residents to continue living there.

Following consultations with the residents and their families Worcestershire County Council has confirmed it will aim to move them all by 2012.

Working in partnership with Wyre Forest Community Housing, the council will relocate residents to The Woodlands, providing their care needs can still be met when work is complete.

The development is expected to cost around £250,000, significantly less than the £1.1million estimated for the refurbishment of Consterdyne.

QUALITY

Councillor Philip Grettton, Worcestershire County Council's cabinet member for adult social care services, said solving the problem in this way would enable the "family" at Consterdyne to stay together.

"Bringing an old building like Consterdyne up to the standard required to meet the long-term needs of older people with learning disabilities simply wasn't a viable option for us," he said.

"However, our focus was on maintaining quality of care for the residents – not on simply saving money."

"I am delighted we were able to propose an option which will aim to allow all service users to move together and we also hope some staff will be transferred to the new

By Sarah Hazelwood

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location with them. I would like to thank everyone for their patience, contributions and co-operation through what we acknowledge has been an unsettling period."

Last December a cabinet report suggested that Consterdyne was in need of the costly refurbishment if it was to meet the standards required for its residents.

Since then staff have been working with councillors who decided the best option was to utilise The Woodlands while ensuring residents, some of whom have lived together for 30 years, continue to get their day care.

Kidderminster councillor Marcus Hart praised the way the council had engaged with those affected by the changes.

"This is a very clear demonstration that this county council, despite the difficult financial times, can genuinely listen and work with staff and service users to come up with an option which all parties can be satisfied with," he said.

The Woodlands will be upgraded with three additional flats and an increase in security measures to bring it up to standard.

Go easy on the strawberries



A Kidderminster school is the venue for Sunday's Spennells summer fair. The fun will run at Heronswood Primary School from 2-5pm with Spennells' got talent, penalty shootout, go-karts, stalls, a barbecue and, of course, a cream tea – just the thing to get Anna Watkins, left, John Watkins and Emily Rae Jones interested. Proceeds go to the school's PTA and Aggbrough and Spennells Community Connect group. Anyone wishing to have a stall should call Sam Biggin on 0777 995 1897. Picture: Colin Hill

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Scout leader dies after operation on his leg

A FORMER Sea Scout leader from Kidderminster died suddenly just days after undergoing an operation for a broken leg following a car accident.

Tributes have been paid to 50-year-old Terry Dovey who died at home in Dunlin Drive, Kidderminster, on June 25. Mr Dovey worked for the Ministry of Defence at RAF Cosford.



Tragic - Terry Dovey

Bibs on for good cause

ACCOUNTANTS from across Wyre Forest are donning their bibs for a charity netball tournament.

Staff at Kidderminster-based Prosser Knowles have invited local firms to take part in the event at Stourport Sports Club, Kingsway on Friday, July 15 from 4pm.

Other teams include DHJH Chartered Accountants, Thursfield Solicitors, Talbots Solicitors, Painter Solicitors and MFG Solicitors. Minimum entry fee is £50 per team with proceeds to Kemp Hospice.

Details from Siobhan Record on 01562 829222.

The civil servant was well-known in the area as a long-time member and group leader of the Kidderminster Sea Scouts.

His heartbroken family said they had been left devastated by his death and were still coming to terms with the loss.

An inquest has been opened and adjourned at Worcestershire Coroner's Court. The medical cause of death is to be confirmed.

But a report of the coroner's court website shows it is thought Mr Dovey suffered a pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Hilary, and children Ian, 28, Emma, 26, and 23-year-old Chris.

Bruises

Mrs Dovey said they had been in a car accident on June 3. "I only suffered some cuts and bruises but Terry suffered a broken leg."

"He was a very kind and enthusiastic man. We will all miss him very deeply," she added.

Kidderminster District Commissioner for the Scout Association Julia Goodyear said: "Terry's enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to the young people and to the principles of Scouting will be long remembered and very sadly missed."

From Glamba to samba for pupils

SCHOOL pupils at Wolverley have been showing their rhythms with the help of special guests.

During specialism week at Wolverley CE Secondary School all Year Seven students experienced how to create a variety of musical pieces while playing samba instruments and creating a "junk orchestra".

They were helped by theatrical percussion group Glamba, whose members went into school to share their knowledge of a unique blend of Brazilian, African and western rhythms.

Sculpture

Mrs Sheena Howard, assistant head and director of music, said:

"Musical and literacy activities have taken place in all lessons across the curriculum, including writing a rap in French, a music concert during lunchtime and a themed sculpture which was designed by students from different years, working together."

"It was an extremely successful series of events which was enjoyed by students and staff alike."



Glamba visitors Nick and Karen Ledbury with students, back from left, Chloe Hobbiss, Ben Perks and Becci Newton. Front from left, Liam Cook and Nicole Deguilmo

Jobs at risk as TJ Hughes is put on market

BUDGET department store chain TJ Hughes, which has a branch in Kidderminster, has gone into administration.

The move puts the fate of more than 300 staff in the Midlands, including the 38 at Kidderminster, in the balance. Administrators from accountants Ernst & Young will run the business and its 57 stores while trying to find a buyer. TJ Hughes has 4,000 staff nationwide.

Two of its biggest stores are in the Midlands, with 86 staff being employed at Lichfield's The Three Spires Shopping Centre and 87 workers in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre.

Another 42 work at the store in Walsall, 35 in Redditch and 29 at Perry Barr.

The company was only bought in March by investment group Endless, which specialises in turning around struggling businesses. Endless linked up with retail entrepreneur Anthony Solomon who became executive chairman of TJ Hughes.

Slumped

But last week Endless revealed TJ Hughes would be joining the growing list of high street names that have slumped into administration.

Tom Jack and Simon Allport from Ernst & Young have been appointed joint administrators.

Mr Jack said: "The retail environment has been particularly tough during the first six months of this year and TJ Hughes has struggled against a backdrop of reduced consumer spending and increased competition."

"It has unfortunately not been possible for the business to continue to trade outside of insolvency."

The administrators are now trying to sell the business as a going concern.

Elgar's diary in a vault

A DIARY which once belonged to Worcestershire composer Sir Edward Elgar has been discovered in an underground vault in Worcester.

The diary, stored in the basement at Worcester Library, was written by an upper-class man in Georgian times - a period in which Elgar took a keen interest.

Penned by William Wilmot, from Derbyshire man, the diary is a record of his daily life. Sir Edward bought it at an auction sale at Malvern.

The diary features notes penned by Elgar himself. The composer, from Lower Broadheath, near Worcester, is celebrated worldwide for works such as Nimrod and the Dream of Gerontius.

Worcester Library is currently clearing out its basement, which houses duplicate stock and the remains of the original Victoria Institute Library, in preparation for relocation to The Hive next year. The diary will be kept alongside other Elgar-related items.

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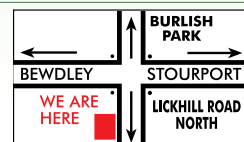
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Mixed opinion on new statue



Councillor Stephen Clee and Kidderminster Mayor Anne Hingley unveil the new £12,000 statue

A NEW £12,000 horse statue has received a mixed reception after being unveiled in Kidderminster town centre – with some fearing it could be a target for vandals.

The lifesize sculpture made from more than 500 horseshoes has been erected at Horsefair in the town.

Some residents have hailed the piece as a "boost" for the area, while others feel the money could have been better spent.

Previous proposals for a white horse statue with lights shining through it attracted hundreds of complaints.

The new statue, designed and made by Hertfordshire-based artist Tom Hill, was officially unveiled at a ceremony last Thursday.

Chairman of Wyre Forest District Council councillor Stephen Clee said: "The Horsefair has been a run-down area over the years and this will help improve it."

"I hope it will stand for generations to come and become a real landmark in the town."

Homes

The sculpture has been funded by Cox Homes who have built a homes development on the Horsefair.

Brian Clarke, aged 54, of Offmore Farm, said: "It's a better design than the last one but I do worry that it will be a target for vandals."

Terry Thomas, owner of Mister Tee's Rock Shop in the Horsefair, said: "I think it actually works quite well as a statue."

"But if it was on the ring road it could have actually drawn people to the Horsefair."

"Also there is the question as to whether the money could have better funded something else."

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Service for the disabled in boost

A SERVICE which adapts homes for vulnerable and disabled people in Wyre Forest has been recognised by a national body, winning two top awards.

Care & Repair Worcestershire, part of the Festival Housing Group, won the "best approach to commissioning" and "excellence at delivering a housing options service" awards at a ceremony in the House of Lords in London.

The awards were organised and presented by Foundations, the national body for home improvement agencies.

Care & Repair Worcestershire adapts people's homes to suit their needs. Many are referred through Worcestershire's community occupational therapy service which assesses what adaptations, if any, customers need.

Showers

Stair lifts, level access showers or ramps are some examples.

Care & Repair's other service, housing options, helps people find suitable accommodation when they find their circumstances change.

Councillor Julian Phillips, Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for place-shaping, said the authority worked closely with the service which had merged to work across the county.

"The merger has meant more money has been available for the work of Care & Repair so this is good news for vulnerable people in Wyre Forest," he added.

Pensioner assaulted in layby

A WINDOW cleaner assaulted a pensioner who had confronted him over dumping rubbish in a layby, a court heard.

Daniel Tansell, aged 36, said he had pulled over to clear a vacuum cleaner which was spilling waste.

A 67-year-old man then pulled up and questioned him, Kidderminster magistrates heard.

The pensioner was concerned Tansell was flytipping on the A499 near Chaddesley Corbett. Mrs Samantha Webley, prosecuting, said Tansell pushed him into the carriageway.

Tansell, of Lyttleton Avenue, Bromsgrove, accepted a fixed penalty notice for flytipping.

He pleaded guilty to the assault, which happened on December 10. He was given a 12-month community order with £85 costs.

Post-haste to £3,500

A 19TH CENTURY oil painting of the Birmingham to Kidderminster stagecoach The Invincible sold for £3,500 when it went under the hammer.

Owned by Godfrey and Co, the stagecoach ran from Swan Hotel, Birmingham to Lion Hotel, Kidderminster. The painting, by an unknown English artist, was included in Halls' auction of fine paintings, silver and jewellery in Shrewsbury.

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Stepping out for charity

STAFF and friends from
The Co-operative Travel n
Wyre Forest put their best
foot forward in a 10-kilome-
tre sponsored walk for the
charity Women's Aid.

The 20-strong group -
plus two dogs - set off from
the Franche Road travel
branch in Kidderminster
and walked to the Stourport
travel branch in fancy dress
and branded T-shirts to
raise funds and awareness.

Organiser Sharon
Tanser-Voets, senior travel
adviser at Stourport, said:
"This was our first fundrais-
ing activity for our new
charity partner and it was
brilliant to see so many
people get involved."

Lovely

"We had great support
from friends and family who
joined us on the walk with
our youngest walker my
eight-year-old daughter
Nicole and our eldest
supporter who was 72."

"The walk took us
through some lovely coun-
tryside and everyone had a
really good time. We are
looking forward to organis-
ing more events."

The route took followed
the Staffordshire and
Worcestershire Canal and
was completed in two hours.

"So far we've managed to
raise over £650 which is fan-
tastic," added Sharon.

School is set for donor sessions

BLOOD donor sessions are
to take place in Wribben-
hall, Bewdley on Saturday,
July 16.

They will run at Bewdley
High School, in Stourport
Road, from 9.45am-noon
and from 1.30-3.30pm.

Booking is recommended:
Call 0300 123 2323.

Glorious garden day ahead for town's horticultural society



Louise Aston in her garden, one of the ones to open this Sunday

GARDENERS will be hoping the sun is
shining when Kidderminster Horticultural
Society hosts its annual open day this
Sunday (July 10).

Fifteen gardens around Kidderminster
will be open to the public from 10am-6pm,
with money raised going to charity.

More than £4,500 was raised in 2010 and
this year's beneficiaries will be the
Alzheimer's Association, bereaved chil-
dren's charity Noah's Ark and Acorns Chil-
dren's Hospice.

Tickets cost £4 and allow entry to all 15
gardens, one of which was named Best

Small Garden in Garden News magazine's
2010 awards.

Visitors can purchase tickets, which
include a guide book and map, at any of the
15 gardens or from John Beard Tools &
Ironmongery on Bridge Street.

For more information and garden loca-
tions call 01562 69115, 01562 631001 or
01562 740430.

The Kidderminster Horticultural Society
was established in 1912 and currently has
around 800 members.

Visit www.horticultural.org.uk for details
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Vicars ordained and prepared to serve



Priests and deacons face the camera on their big day

TWO vicars from Kidder-
minster were ordained in
Worcester Cathedral last
weekend to serve in
parishes across the diocese.

Oli Douglas-Pennant of the
parish of St George and Alex
Vaccaro, who now serves the
Kidderminster Parish Church
Team Ministry, were ordained
priests on Saturday.

They were two of 17 candi-
dates to be appointed at the two-
day ceremony presided over by
The Bishop of Worcester, Rev-
erend Dr John Inge.

He was also joined by the
Bishop of Dudley and the Rev-
erend Canon Alison White,
adviser for spirituality and spiri-
tual direction in the diocese of
Newcastle.

Alex Vaccaro, who can now
preside at Holy Communion,
said: "My year as a deacon has
flown by but it has been a really
enjoyable time of new experi-

ences, meeting new people and
working with the Kiddermin-
ster team.

"It will be good now to be able
to take the next step in ministry.
It has been a great privilege in
the last year to lead and take
part in worship in our beautiful
churches and I am looking
forward to doing more of this."

Variety

All of the candidates come
from a variety of different back-
grounds and will serve their
curacies in parishes across
Worcester.

The Bishop of Worcester said:
"It is a great privilege for me to
be able to ordain this very
impressive group of people."

"They have discovered the
love of God in their lives and
have decided to devote them-
selves to bringing that love to
others. The church and all of
society will be hugely enriched
as a result."



Oli Douglas-Pennant and Alex Vaccaro



The youngsters at Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society get ready for their show

Cheers as Comrades lift appeal

THE Poppy Appeal is being boosted by sales of a Cleobury Mortimer beer.

Old Comrade, brewed by Hobsons Brewery, is producing five pence for the appeal from every bottle sold.

The brew commemorates the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion branch in Cleobury Mortimer.

During July the branch will stage a number of events to mark the anniversary. On July 13 Hobsons Brewery will host a special event including a presentation on the Enigma code-breaker by Dr Mark Baldwin, followed by a buffet, quiz and raffle.

Details: 01299 270837.

Youngsters go back to the 80s with show

YOUNGSTERS are getting ready to take the stage – and go back in time.

The newly reformed youth section of Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society will present the musical Back to the 80s at the town's Rose Theatre.

There will be two evening shows plus a matinee of the lively show which features such numbers as Kids in America, Footloose and Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.

Graduation

The show sees Corey Palmer, a former pupil at William Ocean High, reminisce about the loves and lives of his former classmates during their graduation year.

The nine to 16-year-olds re-started the youth society last year and performed two well-received variety shows.

Musical director Sue Preece said: "The opportunity for these youngsters to showcase their acting, singing and dancing

talents is just brilliant. They have worked so hard, and amazed us all with their dedication and enthusiasm.

"I've loved working with director Jill Parmenter who has been a wonderful role model for the kids, and her daughter Molly who has done a huge amount of work with the choreography.

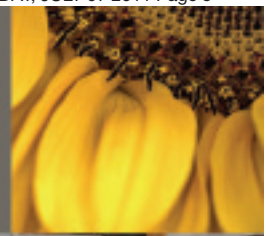
"The show is of a very high standard with a brilliant set, professional band and a great venue. The kids are very excited to be performing in a 'proper' theatre. It really is a show for all the family."

The show runs on Friday and Saturday, July 15-16. Both evening performances start at 7.30pm and the Saturday matinee gets under way at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £8 and are available from the Rose box office on 01562 743745.

The performers will be raising funds for Help the Heroes in the foyer during the show run.

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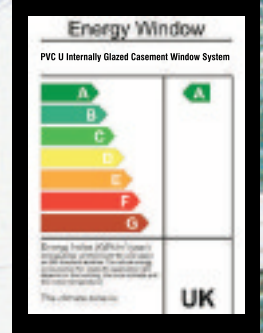
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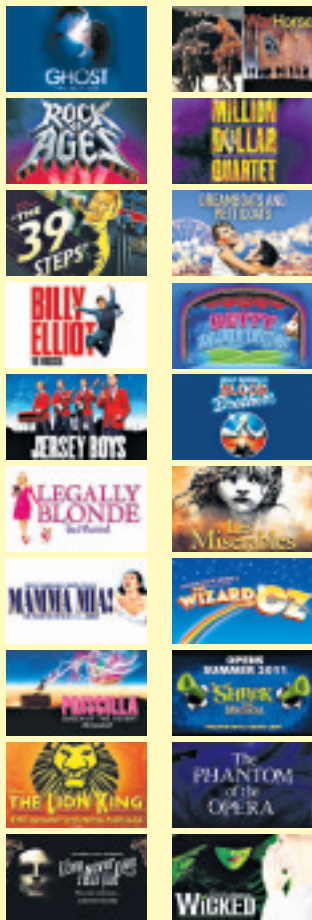


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Three pints of Zumba and Happy New Year

If you've been following the show you'll be sad to know that I've had no further correspondence from Puzzler Magazine.

Dan Haycocks from travel and I are trying to get on the front cover of the crossword publication — maybe their editor sees it merely as a radio pun.

Anyway, I encourage you all to besiege Puzzler HQ with requests — nay, DEMANDS that they feature me and the lovely Dan on the cover in the near future. We'll crack it yet!

2011 will be remembered as the year of The Zumba! If you had said "Zumba" to me on New Year's Eve 2010 I would've assumed it was a foreign beer (and probably ordered three pints of it and given you a drunken kiss).

Local Zumba instructor Faith Thompson is holding a two-hour Zumbathon at Lacon Childre School in Cleobury Mortimer! It's going down on Saturday from 11am to 1pm in aid of Macmillan. Tickets are £25; call 07517 753375.

Also on Saturday, from 11am to 2pm, is a summer fayre for Great Witley & Areley Kings District Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section. It takes place at the Areley Kings Village Hall and promises to be great fun with a tombola, raffle, cake stall, crafts, face painting, lucky dip and games.

Next week on the Breakfast Show. We've got two spanking new competitions with Slippery Sales in Stourport and Dudley Zoo! Tune in!

DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Bringing travel updates to keep you moving ...

Kidderminster
Westville Avenue is closed today (July 7).

A4535 Sutton Road is closed between Stourport Road and Bewdley Road today (July 7). Offmore Road has temporary traffic lights at the junction with East Street and Leswell Street from July 9-12.

Stourport
B4196 Arley Common has temporary traffic lights between Beach Road and

Bowpatch Road today (July 7). A451 Lion Hill has a lane closed on July 10.

Bewdley
A456 Long Bank will have a 10mph speed restriction from Bewdley bypass to Lye Head Road until July 15.

Stourbridge
Foster Street East closed in both directions between the A491 St John's Road and Mount Street due to work at the

bus station until December 5.

Worcester
A44 Bromyard Road has resurfacing work and temporary traffic lights near Broadway Grove with work running until July 14.

Join the team every weekday for updates on the roads across Worcester-shire.

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WEATHER UPDATE

THERE should be some sunshine heading towards the weekend, but, alas, also some heavy showers that might even become longer spells of rain.

It will stay cool, but pleasant when the sun's out.

Over the weekend the outlook is much the same although the showers could become thundery and even bring hail.

Next week may be quite windy, too.



Triple medal glory for sports star Gabriella



Gabriella Mansell displays her athletics medals

A KIDDERMINSTER pupil bagged three medals in the Independent Schools Athletics championships. Gabriella Mansell, representing the Midlands, took bronze in the 100metres and the long jump in the Year 10/11 section.

Fifteen-year-old Gabriella, who attends Holy Trinity International School, then added a silver in the team relay at Birmingham's Alexandra Stadium.

Promise

HTIS Head, Mrs Pamela Leek-Wright said: "We are delighted for Gabriella. It is a fantastic achievement that demonstrates great promise for the future."

"To gain such significant positions as a relative newcomer is incredible and testament to her hard work and dedication."

Her achievement is all the more impressive as she only took up athletics seriously last year after being encouraged by HTIS sports staff to join her local club, Stourport AC.

Due to her age, Gabriella will be able to compete in the same category at next year's championships.

Worker given new ban for drink driving

A FAST FOOD shop worker from Kidderminster has been convicted of drink driving for the second time and banned for three years.

Susan Aston, aged 52, was seen parked up on a kerb outside a store in Kidderminster, magistrates heard.

When officers ran the car's registration through the police database, they found no woman was registered and insured to drive the BMW Z3.

Aston was arrested when she arrived home in Osborne Close, Kidderminster.

When tested she gave a reading of 58 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit for driving is 35mg.

The court heard that Aston had been banned from driving in 2007 for an excess alcohol charge, and had failed to reapply for her licence.

She admitted drink driving, using a car without insurance and driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence.

Endorsed

Aston was given a three-year disqualification and fined £100 for the drink driving offence.

She was also fined £100 and her licence endorsed for driving without insurance.

Her licence was also endorsed for the third offence and she was ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Charles Hobbs, defending, told the court that Aston had a medical condition.

She had needed to go out for supplies when the arrest happened on May 14, he said.

Aston had been drinking the night before, added Mr Hobbs.

Stand-up turn for panto star

A PANTO star is turning to stand-up for a date in the autumn.

Ian Jones takes the boards with An Evening of Comedy at the Palace Theatre, Redditch on September 2.

Jones' stage antics are said to resemble the humour of Lee Evans.

He has played the comedy roles of Simon Trot in Jack and the Beanstalk and Willy Goose in Mother Goose at the Palace over the last two years.

His first professional contract was to perform as a resident entertainer.

There he learned stagecraft and developed his own natural, high-energy comedy style.

He worked early on with such pros as Bobby Davro, Cannon and Ball, and Keith Harris and Orville, giving him many pointers on comedy presentation and timing.

His improvisational comedy is spontaneous and interactive with the audience.

The show is being filmed to produce a DVD.

Tickets cost £12, concessions £10. Call 01527 65203 or visitwww.redditch-palacetheatre.co.uk

Songs of Praise director to play

PEOPLE in Kidderminster are to be treated to an evening with the musical director of BBC's Songs of Praise.

Ledington Wright has been principal conductor of the show for over 25 years, and is set to perform at the Trinity Methodist Church in Kidderminster.

He will be playing the church's new digital organ and introducing songs from the church's new hymn book Singing the Faith.

Mr Wright was brought up as a member of the Methodist Church, and in 1984 was appointed organist and director of music at Coventry Cathedral.

Maundy

He conducts Saint Michael's Singers from Coventry and the Coventry Singers, and is also artistic director of the International Church Music Festival.

He was appointed Secretary of the Royal Almonry in 2007, which involves organising the annual Royal Maundy service for the Queen. This year's service was held in Westminster Abbey.

He knows in America as a conductor, composer and arranger and divides his time between work abroad and in the UK.

The concert will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 7.30pm at the Trinity Methodist Church in Churchfields. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Trinity Bookshop.

Seven up – or something in the water

STAFF at a Kidderminster day nursery are questioning if there is something in the water as they have had seven babies over the past three years.

The Kiddies Day Nursery was celebrating as the last in the group of seven babies arrived on the scene in March this year.

Five of the seven mini-staff arrivals have been born in the past year.

That means a quarter of the 20 members of staff at the nursery have taken maternity leave during this time.

Sarah Hollyoak had baby Harry in May last year, closely followed by Leah Wooldridge's son George. Lisa Hurdman had Jack in August; Laura Parker had Olivia in January this year and finally Catherine Thomas had new arrival Niamh in March.



Staff with their children at the Kiddies Day Nursery

Enrolled

To make the total of seven staff children, Kelly Greg has son Ryan, age two, and Sofia Middleton is mother to Flora, aged three.

Five of the children are already enrolled at the nursery.

In the picture are, back from left: Sarah Hollyoak holding Harry; Sofia Middleton (mother to Flora who is sat at the front); Kelly Greg (mother to Ryan who is also sat at the front) and Leah Wooldridge holding George.

Front from left: Laura Parker holding Olivia; Lisa Hurdman holding Jack and Catherine Thomas holding Niamh.

Completing the magnificent seven at Kiddies and sitting at the front are Flora and Ryan.

'Virtual ward' is home treatment

DOCTORS in Wyre Forest are launching an innovative "virtual ward" to offer patients better care and improve the use of NHS resources.

Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group has teamed up with the New Worcestershire Health and Care Trust, to create the "virtual ward".

It is not a hospital ward but a system which allows patients most at risk of admission to hospital to be identified and given a high level of care, tailored to their needs, in their own home.

This should lead to a reduction in patients being admitted unnecessarily to hospital.

Dr Tony de Cothi, a GP and clinical lead for the commissioning group, said: "This new concept of the 'virtual ward' is a great way for clinical staff to care for patients in

the comfort of their own home. We are excited by this integrated way of working as it will allow us to use clinical professionals to improve the patient experience."

From Monday an admission prevention team of district nurses, specialist nurses, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and social workers will do daily 'ward rounds' to the homes of their patients.

Specific

They will also hold weekly meetings, to which community health professionals and social care staff will be invited. The teams will work to make sure each patient gets the specific care needed at home.

The scheme is one of the first initiatives from the commissioning group and the trust. As part of healthcare reforms set by the Government, GPs will be responsible for commissioning healthcare services and managing a budget of around £800million for Worcestershire residents.

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Service award for firm



From left, Mark Bullivant and Elizabeth Hughes of Edwin Harris and Sons receive their award from Graham Williams at the National Funeral Exhibition

KIDDERMINSTER funeral directors Edwin Harris and Sons have won a funeral service customer care award.

The awards are based on responses to a national survey of clients who purchased a funeral prepayment plan.

Representatives of the firm received the award at the National Funeral Exhibition in Coventry.

Survey results showed that 75 per cent of the firm's clients were "very satisfied" with the service and the rest "satisfied". All those who responded said they would

recommend the plan to someone else.

More than 370 funeral directors took part in the survey and there were 45 awards.

The independent firm has been family-owned for over 125 years.

Graham Williams, of Funeral Planning Services, said: "Funeral directors provide a very personal service but don't always get the recognition they deserve."

"We have worked with Edwin Harris & Sons since 2002 and we are delighted that they won this award."

Councillors' cash to back schemes

LOCAL county councillors are set to have greater control over the support they provide to schemes and initiatives in their patch.

A new divisional fund has been agreed which will see each of the 57 elected councillors allocated £10,000 to spend on local initiatives.

The move was approved after being proposed by county council leader Adrian Hardman.

The fund is aimed at one-off items of expenditure or supporting community activity, local and national charities or voluntary organisations within the local division, not to profit-making enterprises which have grant support.

Councillors agreed the proposal unanimously. It will start on August 1 and have an initial two-year trial period. Councillor Hardman said: "The role of the local member is to lead their communities and this is a new and innovative way of embracing the principles of localism."

"I believe that giving them control over how they support local projects will assist them in that role and will help ensure the funding support the county council provides is directed at those groups and projects which need it most."

Motov8tion for the awards



From left, the Rev Mark Badger, John Moss and Mike Price with their awards

KIDDERMINSTER College is celebrating the achievements of one of its partner's automotive students and staff. Prizes were won by Motov8 at the IMI Awards ceremony – the automotive body's annual event. Motov8 took three awards. Outstanding technical student, fast fit category went to Josh Beardsmore. Fellow student John Moss was a finalist while Motov8 itself was recognised as specialist centre of the year 2011. The event was held at Fanshaws in Hertfordshire on June 23 with Prince Michael of Kent present. Rev Mark Badger, managing Director of Motov8, said: "We are delighted to have the hard work and achievement of our learners recognised by IMI Awards." The scheme involves hands-on learning about mechanics and motor sport.

Rapist is given nine years' jail

A KIDDERMINSTER man has been jailed for nine years for raping a girl.

Scott Ashley Barnes, aged 22, appeared before Judge John Cavell at Worcester Crown Court for sentencing on June 28.

Barnes, of Mason Road, had pleaded guilty in March at Hereford Crown Court to two counts of rape.

The offences took place in 2005 and between 2007 and 2010. The victim was several years younger than Barnes and known to him.

Judge Cavell said that Barnes had been in a position of trust with his victim and he had abused that.

In addition to the prison sentence Barnes was placed on the Sex Offenders Register for an indefinite period and also made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO) for an indefinite term. This bans him from having any unsupervised contact with a child under the age of 16.

He is also banned from working with children for life.

Courage

De Mark Churchill, of West Mercia Police, said that Barnes's victim plucked up the courage to report the offences in October last year.

Barnes originally denied the rapes but, faced with a growing weight of evi-

dence, finally confessed to the crimes.

After the court hearing De Churchill said: "Barnes has put his victim through a terrible ordeal. However, thanks to her bravery these despicable offences have been identified and he has been made to pay for them."

"Hopefully today's sentence will give her peace of mind and she can move on with the rest of her life."

"While it should be stressed that crimes of this nature are rare in West Mercia, hopefully the outcome will encourage other victims of sexual abuse to contact the police and have faith that everything will be done to investigate complaints and bring offenders to justice."

Body of man is found in pool

THE BODY of an elderly man was pulled from a fishing pool in a village near Stourport by fire crews.

West Mercia Police and West Midlands Ambulance Service were called to the Hundred Pool in Worcester Road, Little Witley, at about 4.30pm on June 29.

Officers sealed off the area while fire crews pulled the victim from the water, but discovered he was already dead.

Kidderminster fire station watch commander Dave Blinston said specialist water rescue staff from Worcester were drafted in and waded into the pool to retrieve the body of the man, who was aged in his 80s.

Fire crews from Stourport and Kidderminster, together with water rescue vehicles from Worcester and Evesham, were called to the scene.

Police officers said that they were looking into the circumstances of the tragedy but that they did not believe the man's death was suspicious.

The pool was later reopened.

Booking in for the sale

A BEWDLEY church will host a monthly book sale as part of its fundraising.

All Saints Church, on Kidderminster Road, will be open from 10am until 12.30pm on Monday, July 11, selling books at five for £1. There will also be free book valuations.

Watchdog on prowl with trader register



Worcestershire Regulatory Services' Watchdog backs the trader register

WYRE FOREST residents who need work done are being urged to beat the cowboys with a trader register.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services wants people to log on to its register to find reliable local businesses with a commitment to good customer service.

The free database of traders from around the county has attracted more and more visitors since being set up in 2008.

Every business on the site www.worcestershire.gov.uk/traderregister has signed up to a strict Code of Practice, has public liability insurance, demonstrated it is dedicated to fair and honest workmanship and has passed checks carried out by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

More than 300 traders are now on the register offering everything from bricklaying, carpet cleaning, scaffolding, tiling and driveway maintenance to plumbers and electrical work.

Visitors simply type in their postcode and what work they need doing from the drop down menu. Traders are then listed in order of how near they are to the person's address.

Traders are also being urged to get themselves on the list.

All those that meet the standards receive a special certificate of membership and have their details included on the database.

They can also use the trader register documentation and logos.

Details are available on the website.

Damage in school raid

THREE PEOPLE were arrested after children's toys were damaged at a school in Kidderminster. The toys, as well as benches, hanging baskets, a security camera and a window, were damaged at Sutton Park Primary School, Greatfield Road, on the evening of June 29.

Glass was also broken in a greenhouse and plants damaged on nearby allotments.

Two men and a youth were arrested on suspicion of burglary and held in custody at Kidderminster Police Station, assisting with inquiries.

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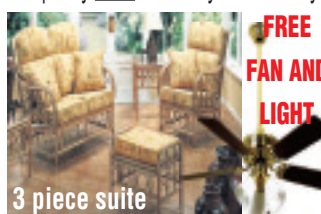
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Black Country pair are keeping the seas safe



Captain Gemma Leek and Captain Sally Mullen

Friendship is renewed after chance meeting

WEST MIDLAND soldier Gemma Leek went to serve in Afghanistan – and met a neighbour she had not seen for 13 years in the queue for lunch.

The 28-year-old Captain lived just yards away from Sally Mullen in their childhood and went to the same school and Air Cadet unit before losing touch when she joined the army, aged 15. She explained: "We just bumped into each other at the Camp Bastion cook house. I was waiting in line for lunch. "Most women change their hair styles every five minutes but luckily ours have remained pretty much the same and we had no trouble recognising each other. It was an amazing

By John Scott in Afghanistan

moment and we have been catching up on the gossip ever since."

Captain Mullen, aged 26, said: "I had only just arrived and was waiting to get my food when I saw Sally frantically waving at me. It was lovely to see a familiar face and an awfully long way to travel to renew our friendship after all those years."

The pair attended Waseley Hill High School near their homes in Rubery and went to the local Air Cadets before losing touch.

Cpt Mullen went to King Edwards College, Stourbridge and university in Cardiff before training at Sandhurst and in September married Naval Lieutenant Andy Young whom she met on a gap year in Vietnam eight years ago. She has recently been working at Frimley Park Hospital in Aldershot, unaware that Cpt Leek lives and is employed nearby.

Camp Bastion is the main British military base in Afghanistan. Accommodating 21,000 people it is situated northwest of Lashkar Gah and is the logistics hub for operations in Helmand.

AS THE Royal Navy's flagship HMS Albion manoeuvres towards crisis-hit Libya, two sailors from the Black Country take their place at the helm of the ship's machine guns.

Their task is a simple one: Use the weapons to protect their colleagues from any incoming assaults on the ship or on any British attack helicopters.

It is a potentially dangerous job but one both Naval Airman Mark Lawrence, from Cradley Heath, and Naval Airman Katie Village, from Stourbridge, enjoy hugely. HMS Albion, an 18,500-ton

Two Black Country-born sailors have helped patrol Libya's seas. They spoke to Shaun Jepson

assault ship has been acting as the floating command platform for all military operations in Libya.

Earlier this month, Apache helicopters were launched against selected military targets in Libya and it was the job of NA Lawrence and NA Village to protect them as they were dispatched.

"During the first Apache missions, HMS Albion moved toward the Libyan coast where the threat level is higher," said 23-year-old NA Village, a former pupil at Grange School in Stourbridge.

"Mark and I were manning weapons on the upper deck from where we could see the lights along the Libyan shoreline.

"It was very surreal – it was the kind of thing you would normally see on the news, but we were



Naval Airman Katie Village and NA Mark Lawrence

watching it for real," she added.

Helping protect the people of Libya is a world away from NA Village's previous job. She started her working career as a greengrocer.

Now, she is part of an elite team of maritime personnel that includes helicopter crews and

Royal Marines. As part of her role, she is also involved as an aircraft handler.

She has been trained to move and fuel helicopters and to respond to fires and other emergencies.

"I really enjoy working outdoors on the flight deck, in the sunshine surrounded by the sea," she said.



HMS Albion has been docked at Abu Dhabi when not on patrol

"I'd hate to be stuck below deck in an office all day."

Meanwhile NA Lawrence, 25, a former pupil at Leasowes Community College in Halesowen, said being at the centre of military operations in Libya had ensured he was always kept busy.

"At the beginning of the deployment HMS Albion departed the UK with four helicopters," he said. "As she is primarily designed to carry Royal Marines and their landing craft, she does not normally carry this many."

Busy

"We've also hosted visiting helicopters from France and Saudi Arabia."

"It's meant that the whole aviation team has been exceptionally busy, but it's great because I much prefer to have a hands-on role."

HMS Albion was recently away from the conflict area of Libya, but that does not mean its crew will get



a rest. They were docked in Abu Dhabi ahead of its involvement in a series of amphibious and land-based exercises called Sea Khanjar.

The military exercises, with forces from the United Arab Emirates, will continue until July 6 – before heading back to the UK through the Suez Canal.

HMS Albion may have taken the two Black Country sailors all around the world, but for the pair, they look forward to nothing more than returning to their roots.

"I miss family and friends most when I'm at sea," said NA Lawrence.

"I always enjoy going for a drink at The Waterfall in Cradley Heath whenever I'm back home."

Meanwhile NA Village added: "The best things about coming from the Black Country is walks in Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge – and shopping trips to Merry Hill."

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Scheme for Asda store is lodged

PLANS for a controversial new supermarket in Kidderminster, set to create nearly 400 jobs, have been submitted following months of discussions.

Supermarket giant Asda wants to redevelop former industrial land at Churchfields to create the 40,000sq ft store.

A petrol station, 26 new homes and restoration of the disused former Tomkinson's carpet firm building are also included as part of the scheme. The former factory, dating back to 1902, will be incorporated as part of the supermarket building itself.

Traders along the nearby Horsefair have protested over the plans saying the store will cause their trade to plummet. And there have also been concerns about closing a section of road.

But supermarket bosses said they wanted to support other traders and had included on-street parking, improved signage, and would invest in the area.

Wyre Forest District Council has confirmed plans for the supermarket have now been lodged with officers who would be looking at them in due course.

New-look Lidl is open to public

A STOURPORT supermarket has been given a new look and an extension.

The refurbished Lidl on Vale Road, Stourport is now open to the public.

It has been redecorated, had new lighting installed and a bigger shop floor area.

Warning as swimmers take plunge into river

YOUTHS have been dicing with death by leaping into rivers and reservoirs during the spell of warm weather, police revealed.

Officers and Wyre Forest District Council's Ranger service have issued urgent warnings.

They said swimming in open water, was fraught with dangers. Besides the risks posed by currents in deep water, the sudden change in temperature when jumping in can cause an attack of cramp, leading to people losing the ability to swim and sinking to the bottom.

Firms talk business to minister

EIGHTY businesses from the West Midlands have met a Government minister to talk about their needs.

Representatives of the firms talked to Vince Cable, Secretary of State for business innovation and skills.

The meeting was arranged by Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier and Ian Austin, MP for Dudley, as part of the Parliamentary group for the economy of the West Midlands.

It was hosted on June 27 by Birmingham law firm, Gateley LLP. Representatives from many of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) also attended.

Mr Garnier said: "Vince Cable gave us a very good hearing and he has taken back with him many views."

"This was also an opportunity for the new LEPs to start to work together and I am delighted that it went so well."

Every summer police in Bewdley take calls about people jumping off the town bridge into the Severn. Last week a report was received about youths leaping into the reservoir at Trimley, near Kidderminster.

Wyre Forest District Police Inspector Paul Crowley warned that such larking could end in death. "It might be very inviting in warm weather but swimming in unauthorised and unsupervised stretches of river or other open water is fraught with danger," he said.

Debris

The council's Ranger service looks after areas such as Puxton Marshes and Hurcott Pool in Kidderminster.

Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership chairwoman Helen Dyke said: "Hidden obstructions can cause entanglement and sharp debris may cause a nasty wound, exposing someone to waterborne diseases."

A recent tragedy in Stourport also highlights the need to beware near water. Robbie Fido, aged 12, died after falling from his bike into a canal lock.

Catwalk show with a difference



The Brownies model their alternative clothes, made from recycled materials

BROWNIES in Stourport made some clothes with a difference.

The 6th Stourport Brownies held a recycling night, making alternative clothes from items they had taken to the meeting.

Parents arrived early for a catwalk presentation and most of the girls had such a lot of fun that they wore their creations on the way home!

Browse the library from your home

BOOKWORMS in the Wyre Forest district will be able to choose a novel they want to borrow from libraries in the area without leaving their homes.

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There is also a list of top-10 reads for residents wanting to try something new. The service is available by logging on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Strategic Libraries and Learning Manager Kathy Kirk said: "It's important we take advantage of technologies."

Children get plenty of sport

SPORTY children in the Wyre Forest district are getting plenty of exercise, a new report reveals.

The sixth annual local health profiles gives a snapshot of fitness and wellbeing across the West Midlands.

The proportion of children aged five to 16 in state schools who spend at least three hours per week on high quality physical education or school sports is 55.1 per cent.

But the highest local authority in the region is Wyre Forest, with 65.4 per cent.

The lowest, (Newcastle-under-Lyme), recorded 44.7 per cent.

That figure is still much higher than the lowest in the country, 28.6 per cent.

Theft of metal at printers

THIEVES stole £400 worth of copper after breaking into a Kidderminster business.

Police say the thieves broke into the printing business in Coventry Street by forcing a door and once inside they cut a number of pipes including a live gas pipe and water pipe which caused a leak.

The theft happened between 5pm on June 18 and 6am on June 20.

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- Alfred Baldwin, the father of Stanley Baldwin Prime Minister was born 4th June 1841 in Lombard Street, Stourport
- Bewdley is twinned with the commune of Villeneuve le Roi in Paris
- Sir Rowland Hill the inventor of the Penny Black and the modern Postal System was born in Blackwell Street, Kidderminster on December 3rd 1795
- The modern carpet industry was founded in the area in 1785 by Brintons
- The Wyre, local commercial radio station began broadcasting on 12th September 2005
- Kidderminster is twinned with Husum in Germany
- The earliest written name of Kidderminster/Chedeminstre was not seen until it appeared in the Domesday Book of 1086
- The River Stour, the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal both flow through Kidderminster town centre!
- The Severn Valley Railway was in the transport business for 101 years from 1862 until 1963
- The West Midland Safari Park opened back in 1973 and recently opened the largest lemur walk in the UK
- The Wyre Forest district of Worcestershire takes its name from the forest, despite the fact that much of the woodland does not lie within the districts boundaries but rather in Shropshire
- The Piano Building, situated in what is now Weavers Wharf, Kidderminster was built in 1867 by Britons as a warehouse. The name derives from the roof shape as seen from above. It resembles a grand piano.

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A Little History Lesson

Kidderminster

Kidderminster in the Wyre Forest district of Worcestershire, according to the 2001 census recorded a population of 55,182 in the town. The town is twinned with the town of Husum, Germany.

The land around Kidderminster may have been first populated by the Husmerae, and Anglo-Saxon tribe first mentioned in the Ismere Diploma, a document in which Ethelbald of Mercia granted a 'parcel of land of ten hides' to Cynebeht.^[1] This became the settlement of Stour-in-Usmere, which was later the subject of a territorial dispute settled by Offa of Mercia in 781, where he restored certain rights to Bishop Heathore.^[2] This allowed for the creation of a monastery or *minstre* in the area, and the

earliest written form of the name Kidderminster (Chedeminstre) was not seen until it appeared in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Manor

It was a large manor held by William I with 16 outlying settlements (Bristitune, Fastochesfeld, Franche, Habberley, Hurcott, Mitton, Oldington, Ribbesford, Sudwale, Sutton, Teulesberge, Trimpley, Wannerton and Wribbenhall). Various spellings were in use - Kedeleminstre or Kideministre (in the 12th and 13th centuries), Kidereministre (13th-15th centuries) - until the name of the town was settled as Kidderminster by the 16th century.^[2] Between 1156 and 1162 Henry II granted the manor to his steward, Manasser Biset, and the settlement became extremely important to the local economy.

Stourport-on-Severn

Stourport-on-Severn, with a population of over 19,000, is uniquely the only town in Britain built solely as a consequence of the coming of the canals. Before the growth of the town there existed a small hamlet called Lower Mitton. Two black and white houses from circa 1600 can still be found in Mitton Street.

Popular legend has it that James Brindley chose Stourport rather than Bewdley for his canal because the citizens of Bewdley did not want his 'stinking ditch' passing through their town. The reality is that Stourport made far more sense from a topographical point of view. A canal joining the River Severn at Bewdley would have needed to cross several hills. Joining the Severn at Stourport it could follow the Stour valley and this obviously made construction much cheaper.

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal linked the River Severn with the Trent and Mersey and as a result, after Birmingham, Stourport became the busiest inland port in the

Midlands. The canal opened to Stourport in 1771 and by 1812 five canal basins had been built. In 1775 the first Stourport Bridge across the Severn was built by the Canal Company.

Expanded

The town rapidly expanded and by the 1780's there were brass and iron foundries, a vinegar works, tan yards, worsted spinning mills, carpet mills, barge and boat building yards, warehouses, shops, houses and inns. By 1795 it had 200 houses and 1300 inhabitants.

The railway arrived in 1862 and was to pose a major challenge to the canal. Following the arrival of the railway the town extended out to Newtown with Brindley Street being the main arterial road through the new residential area.

During the twentieth century new industries came to the town and residential expansion continued. Some of the first local authority housing in the country was built in Park Crescent and Olive Grove. Large private housing developments grew up along Windermere Way and Stagborough Way in the 1960's and 1970's.



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Holly Wright is in the national finals of the Festival4Stars Singing sensation Holly heads for the UK final

A BLACK Country schoolgirl hopes to hit the right notes when she heads to Scotland to represent her region in a singing competition.

Holly Wright, aged 11, from Forest Drive, Old Hill, sailed through the Festival4Stars auditions singing *The Wind Beneath My Wings*. The Netherbrook Primary pupil saw off competition from people three years her senior to win the Solo Singing 14 and Under category. She went on

to beat rivals in the region's final last month at the Hilton Hotel in Birmingham to seal her place as Midlands representative for the prestigious final in November.

The competition has had celebrity judges including Blue heart-throb Duncan James and Bucks Fizz singer Cheryl Baker.

Mother Michelle Wright said: "I'm very proud of her. She's only had singing lessons for 18 months."

Six hundred children sing in Latin for 'live and kicking' composer

MORE than 600 primary and secondary school singers from across Birmingham will have the chance to impress world-renowned composer Karl Jenkins when he attends their performance of his *Stabat Mater* at Symphony Hall on Monday, July 11.

This is the second year the composer has given his commitment and support to Town Hall and Symphony Hall's *Sing for All: Creative Foundations*, an experience he described last year as "a revelation".

The concert is the grand finale of the project and the result of many months' work by the schoolchildren and teachers to learn the large scale choral piece, which is sung in Latin.

Since January, teachers have attended a series of workshops at Symphony Hall with musical director John Gibbons, who has been giving professional training and advice.

This, in turn, assists the teachers in their rehearsals with the children who need to overcome the significant challenges of learning such a large scale work intended for adult choirs and sung in an unfamiliar language.

Sing for All: Creative Foundations gives the youngsters an opportunity to strive for the highest levels of personal attainment and, for most, it will be their first concert experience, performing with a professional orchestra and

singers in a world class venue.

Though rooted in the classical tradition, Karl Jenkins's music is infused with different world cultures, jazz traditions and strong rhythmic elements making it particularly appealing to younger people.

Offers

And, as Karl Jenkins says, "it's nice for them to meet a composer who's still alive and kicking!"

Organised by Town Hall and Symphony Hall's Education and Community Department, *Sing for All* offers professional singing training

and performance opportunities to all parts of the community, with funding from the Peter and Jane How Trust, patrons of the singing programme.

The programme is designed to support amateur singing in the region, creating a legacy for the future of choirs. *Sing for All* reached 1,500 people in 2010 in two projects.

Tickets for Monday's concert are priced £5 (plus transaction fee) are available from the box office on 0121 780 3333 or via www.thsh.co.uk website.

Twin roles in a theatre classic

STOURBRIDGE Theatre Company is on the lookout for male twins to star in its production of the dramatic musical *Blood Brothers*.

The group is preparing to perform Willy Russell's popular West End hit in November and are starting rehearsals soon.

They are hoping to find twins – or at least two very similar looking men – aged

around 25 to 30-years-old.

Open auditions are being held for the parts of Eddie and Mickey at St Joseph's RC Primary School in Lea Vale Road, Norton, Stourbridge, and the auditions will be on Monday, July 11, at 7.30pm.

The play will be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall, from November 24 to 26.

Further information about the play and parts available it, call 01562 885578.

Second helpings of Dinner

VICTORIA Wood's popular TV sit-com *Dinnerladies* makes the transition to stage with Andrew Dunn and Sue Devany reprising their telly roles at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, July 18, to Saturday, July 23.



Staffordshire County Councillor Patrick Corfield takes a close look at the exhibition of Anglo-Saxon gold

Golden hoard of Mercian treasure goes on tour of Staffordshire venues

TREASURES from the Staffordshire Hoard have gone on display in Stafford for the first time as the relics, valued at £3.3 million, go on tour.

More than 40 of the gold and silver items are being exhibited at the Shire Hall Gallery until July 24. They went on show last Saturday (July 2).

The Seventh Century relics were uncovered in a farmer's field at Hammerwich two years ago. It was the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever unearthed.

The metal detector used to find them, by Terry Herbert, is also on display. The Hoard on Tour will move to Lich-

field Cathedral from July 30 to August 21 and then on to Tamworth Castle between August 27 and September 18.

The exhibition will also tell how archaeologists worked in secret to unearth the treasure.

Viewed

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BBC1, 7.10pm

At couple of years ago, John Barrowman was so ubiquitous, some people started to wonder if BBC actually stood for Barrowman Broadcasting Corporation. This week he's back with a bang along with this Saturday night show. If you haven't seen the previous series, it gives members of the public the chance to make their dreams come true – think of it as John's Fix It with no medallions and fewer tracksuits. There's a definite musical theme to the wishes being granted in this first instalment, as Dolly Parton conducts a masterclass for one of her biggest fans.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Good Cook. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.10 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Qualifying. Jake Humphrey presents live coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.40 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine introduces further coverage of the third round. 5.20 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 5.40 Walk on the Wild Side. (R)

6.10 Total Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram host as 20 more contestants compete in physically demanding games on the purpose-built obstacle course.

7.10 Tonight's the Night. New series. Entertainment show, presented by John Barrowman, with Dolly Parton and the Wanted.

8.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

9.00 Casualty. Adam becomes involved in the case of two warring brothers.

9.50 Lee Mack's All Star Cast. With Katie Price, Rhod Gilbert, Theo Paphitis, Danny Bhoj and Scouting for Girls.

10.30 BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update.

10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Noel Fielding, Seann Walsh, Mike Gunn and Hal Cruttenden. (R)

11.35 FILM: Dark Water. (2005) Horror remake, starring Jennifer Connelly; Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.20 Homes Under the Hammer. 12.50 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the third round. 2.40 Film: Kramer vs Kramer. (1979) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep. 4.20 Comedy Connections. (R) 4.50 Life Beyond the Box: Norman Stanley Fletcher. (R) 5.40 Porridge. (R)

6.10 Flog It! Experts Nigel Smith and Thomas Plant value the public's antiques in Stockport, Greater Manchester, while presenter Paul Martin pays a visit to a drum-maker. (R)

7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon spends a night in a spooky house. (R)

7.40 Vincent Van Gogh: Painted with Words. Drama-documentary depicting the Dutch artist's life using his own words as chronicled in 18 years of letters. (R)

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Chris Addison. (R)

9.45 Secrets of the Pop Song. Mark Ronson helps Guy Chambers write the elusive breakthrough single.

10.45 Top of the Pops: The Story of the Pops. Documentary examining how British pop culture changed during 1976.

11.35 The Kennedys. The Cuban missile crisis threatens to bring about a war. (R)

12.20 The Kennedys. (R) 1.05 Film: Honeydripper. (2007) Drama, starring Danny Glover.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 House Gift. (R) 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 1.15 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 1.45 ITV News: Weather. 1.55 Film: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner. (1985) Hercule Poirot mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. 3.55 Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.

6.15 Regional Programmes. 6.30 ITV News: Weather. 6.45 You've Been Framed! Crazy cats and daft dogs. (R)

7.15 Odd One In. With Stephen K Amos and Stacey Solomon.

8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Four more acts, including an award-winning female magician, try to outwit the illusionists with mind-boggling tricks, in the hope of landing a gig in Las Vegas.

9.00 The Marriage Ref. Jack Whitehall, Sarah Millican and Eamonn Holmes tackle three domestic disputes, including a boyfriend's relentless pranks and a wife obsessed by Donny Osmond.

10.00 ITV News: Weather. 10.15 FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) Crime caper sequel, starring George Clooney.

12.35 The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly. (R) 1.30 The Zone: ITV News: Headlines. 3.30 In Plain Sight. 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Film Show. (R) 7.00 British Formula 3 International Series. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.55 T4: Smallville. (R) 10.50 T4: Friends. (R) 11.20 T4: Style the Nation. 12.20 T4: Dirty Sexy Things. 1.20 The TV Book Club. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Sarah Rothwell hosts the final party in Bolton.

6.40 Channel 4 News. 7.10 4thought.tv. How a belief in God transformed a man's life. (R)

7.15 FILM: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Springfield faces destruction after pollution caused by Homer provokes the wrath of the government. Animated comedy, with the voices of Dan Castellaneta and Julie Kavner.

9.00 Camelot. Guinevere sets out with Arthur to visit her dying father, while a crime from Sybil's past jeopardises Morgan's plans. Fantasy adventure, starring Jamie Campbell Bower.

10.00 FILM: Gangs of New York. (2002) Historical drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis.

1.10 Film: Infernal Affairs 2. (2003) Crime thriller prequel, starring Edison Chen. 3.15 Bob's Burgers. 3.40 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.30 One Tree Hill. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Pawn Stars. (R) 10.30 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) 11.30 Danger: Diggers at Work. (R) 12.30 Rosamunde Pilcher's Summer. (R) 2.20 Film: King Solomon's Mines. (1950) Adventure, with Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr. 4.20 Film: Random Hearts. (1999) Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford.

6.55 5 News Weekend. 7.00 Cricket. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth and concluding match of the series at Old Trafford, the tourists' final fixture in England this year.

7.55 NCIS. A commander who knows the location of a shipment of nuclear fuel rods is abducted, and the team is called in to try to identify the kidnapper. Guest starring Gae Elton. (R)

8.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A cocktail waitress is killed by a shark in the swimming pool of a Las Vegas hotel, and the team suspects the rivalry between two casino moguls may be at the heart of the mystery. (R)

9.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A student counsellor is murdered.

10.45 CSI: NY. A street dancer is shot dead in a hotel room. (R)

11.45 Forensic Files. Finding the killer of an estate agent. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 The FBI Files. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2 7.15 Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) 9.00 Film: Practical Magic (1998) 11.10 Film: Analyze This (1999)

ITV3 1.45 Film: The Railway Children (1970) 4.00 Film: Columbo: A Bird in the Hand (1992) 6.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 11.00 Wycliffe

ITV4 2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage eight from Aigurande to Super-Besse Sancy. 4.30 British Superbike Championship Highlights 5.30 Police, Camera, Action! 6.00 The Professionals 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France 8.00 Freddie Flintoff Versus the World 9.00 Film: The Jerk (1979) 10.55 Film: Barbarella (1967)

BBC THREE 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Friendly Fires & N-Dubz @ T 9.00 Chase and Status & the Strokes @ T 10.00 Coldplay Live @ T

BBC FOUR 7.00 The Blue Planet 8.00 The Perfect Suit 9.00 Wallander 10.30 Timeshift: Hotel Deluxe 11.30 The Perfect Suit

E4 2.15 Hollyoaks 4.50 Friends 6.00 One Tree Hill 6.55 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 How I Met Your Mother 8.50 Friends 10.00 Film: Chain Reaction (1996)

FILM4 3.00 James and the Giant Peach (1996) 4.45 Local Hero (1983) Comedy drama, starring Peter Riegert. 6.55 The Perfect Catch (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore. 9.00 High Crimes (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. 11.15 The Hills Have Eyes (2006) Horror remake, starring Aaron Stanford.



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T4 ON THE BEACH

Channel 4, 1.40pm

The summer officially gets underway in Weston-super-Mare as this musical extravaganza rolls into town. The show promises the airing of more hit singles than even Simon Cowell would know what to do with. Speaking of the moneybags mogul, X Factor-approved acts appearing this year include JLS and Cher Lloyd. Nicola Roberts also performs, hoping to replicate the solo success of Girls Aloud bandmate Cheryl Cole. Recent chart-toppers Jessie J, Jason Derulo and Example also take the stage. More big names including Katy B, the Wanted, Tinchy Stryder and McFly also hit the stage.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 The Politics Show. Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Live. Coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.30 EastEnders. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 My Family. Susan is accused of sexual harassment at work. (R)

6.05 Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry. Emperor

Elagabalus hosts a Roman Come Dine with Me.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Fake or Fortune? A painting that could be the work of Rembrandt. Last in the series.

8.00 Countryfile. John Craven travels to the Cairngorms in Scotland to reflect on some of the team's most memorable visits to British rivers and mountains. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

9.00 The World's Most Expensive Paintings. Alastair Cooke tracks down the 10 most costly paintings to sell at auction and investigates the stories behind the astronomical prices that are paid for some pieces of art.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Seve: The Legend. Tribute to golf star Severiano Ballesteros, who died in May.

11.25 Regional Programmes.

12.15 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) 1.15 The Apprentice: The Final Five. (R) 2.15 Holby City. (R) 3.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 12.30 EastEnders. 1.30 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the fourth and final day. 5.30 Live Athletics. The British Grand Prix. John Inverdale presents coverage of the star-studded meeting at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

8.00 Top Gear. A comparison

of supercars the McLaren MP4-12C and Ferrari 458, the Range Rover Evoque is road-tested and Formula 1 world champion Sebastian Vettel drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Coast. The team explores the Welsh coast, hearing about a tsunami that hit 400 years ago, how Anglesey inspired the design of the Land Rover and why Wales is similar to Mars.

10.00 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Micky Flanagan and Jack Whitehall offer their opinions of the past week's world events on the topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)

10.30 FILM: In the Loop. (2009) A witness government minister gets out of his depth in international politics after suggesting a war is imminent. Satirical comedy, starring Peter Capaldi and Tom Hollander.

12.15 Film: The Front Line. (2006) Crime thriller, starring Eriq Ebouaney. 1.45 BBC News. 3.10 The Super League Show.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.35 Survival: Tales from the Wild. 2.35 Inspector Morse. (R) 4.35 Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programmes.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Royal. A trip on a pirate radio ship ends badly when the passengers are embroiled in a siege.

8.00 Popstar to Operastar - The Final. The two finalists compete to be crowned winner, performing a solo, and a duet with either Katherine Jenkins or Rolando Villazon. Andrea Bocelli also appears.

9.00 Law & Order: UK. New series. Brooks and Devlin investigate a hospital department where three patients have died in suspicious circumstances in six months. Starring Bradley Walsh and Jamie Bamber.

10.00 Popstar to Operastar: The Results. The winner is announced. Last in the series.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FILM: Eyes Wide Shut. (1999) Stanley Kubrick's drama, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

1.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) 6.05 The Treacle People. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freesports on 4. 7.35 Triathlon: Ironman UK. 8.00 T4: Friends. (R) 8.25 T4: Style the Nation. 9.00 T4: T4 on the Beach: The Countdown. (R) 9.55 T4: Hollyoaks. 12.30 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.05 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.40 T4: T4 on the Beach. 5.25 Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 4thought.tv. Beverley Carter discusses how the hymn Amazing Grace has helped reinforce her belief in God, which enabled her to overcome the abuse she suffered in her early life. (R)

6.55 The Political Slot. Shirley Williams talks about NHS reforms.

7.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman advise a couple struggling to choose between buying a property in Cheltenham and the Aude region of southern France.

8.00 FILM: Marley and Me. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based comedy drama, based on journalist John Grogan's account of his and his wife's life with his mischievous golden Labrador. With Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.

10.15 FILM: In Her Shoes. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz.

12.45 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 1.30 Bob's Burgers. 1.55 Five Days to Midnight. (R) 3.35 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.30 One Tree Hill. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 Elmo's World. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 The Save-Ums! (R) 7.25 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Ha's Helpline. (R) 7.50 Peppa Pig. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.40 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.00 New Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.00 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 1.00 Rosamunde Pilcher's Autumn. Charles stands up to Stephen. 2.45 Film: Man of the House. (2005) Comedy, starring Tommy Lee Jones. 4.35 Film: Matilda. (1996) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson.

6.25 5 News Weekend.

6.30 FILM: The Legend of Zorro. (2005)

Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas.

9.00 FILM: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World. (2003) Seafaring drama based on Patrick O'Brian's novel, with Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany.

11.40 FILM: Sniper 2. (2002) Thriller, starring Tom Berenger.

12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Great Artists. (R) 4.35 Nick's Quest. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.30 Film: Twister (1996) 6.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 9.00 Film: Knocked Up (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl. 11.40 iTunes Festival 2011

ITV3

2.20 Persuasion 4.15 Film: Pride and Prejudice (2005) 6.50 Mr Bean 7.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Film: Frantic (1988) 11.30 Film: Sleepers (1996)

ITV4

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage nine from Issore to Saint-Flour. 5.00 The Professionals 6.00 Tommy Cooper 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France 8.00 Minder 9.05 Film: Last Man Standing (1996) 11.05 Film: Titanic 93 (2006)

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 My Chemical Romance & the Vaccines @ T 9.00 Tine Tempah @ T 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Foo Fighters @ T

BBC FOUR

7.00 Sahara with Michael Palin 8.00 Secrets of the Arabian Nights 9.00 Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story 10.45 Eddie Izzard: Stripped

E4

3.05 Supersize vs Superskinny 4.10 Film: Flicka (2006) 6.00 Friends 7.00 Smallville 8.00 Friends 9.00 Film: Epic Movie (2007) 10.45 The Big Bang Theory 11.15 How I Met Your Mother 11.45 Film: Star Trek: Generations (1994)

FILM4

2.55 Shadow of a Doubt (1943) 5.00 Kidnapped (1971) 7.05 Big Momma's House (2000) 9.00 Sleeping with the Enemy (1991). An abused wife takes her own death to escape her violent husband and start a new life elsewhere - but he is soon on her trail. Thriller, starring Julia Roberts and Patrick Bergin. 10.55 Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (2006)



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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R)
10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R)

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast 9.15 Her Heroes (R)
10.00 Holmes Under the Hammer; (R)
BBC News: Weather. 1.00 Food Fighters. 1.15
Saints and Scoundrels; BBC News: Weather.
1.30-1.45 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30
The Big Reveal. 1.45-2.00 The Big Reveal. 1.45
Homes and Horses. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Points From
BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News
Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show: Best
of Britain. 7.30 The Good Cook; BBC News:
Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 A Question
of Sport. (R) 9.00 My Family. 9.30 Miranda. (R)
10.00 BBC News. 10.30 Regional News: Weather.
10.35-11.00 The Big Reveal. Home Shopping
National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.45 Film
Eurotrip. (2004) Teen comedy, with Scott
McKechzie; Weatherview. 11.55 Sign Zone: The
Space Trail. (R) 2.15 Louis Theroux: Miami Mega-

BBC2 6.00 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 *Chibbles*. 9.00 *Live Golf: The Open*. 9.30 *Championship*. Day two from the Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent. 8.00 *BBC Proms*. 8.30 *Live Proms*. Coverage of the classical music event. 9.45 *The Kennedys*. Bobby blames himself for John's death. Last in the series. 10.30 *Newsnight*. Weather. 11.05 *TnT* in the Park 2011. 1.05 *Tommy*. Film: *My Baby's Daddy*. (2004) Comedy, starring, Eddie Griffin. 2.25 *Close*.

12.30 **Jersey Kyle Show. 10.30** This Morning.
12.30 **Loose Women. 1.30** ITV News; Weather.
1.55 **Regional News; Weather. 2.00** Ten Mile Music.
2.00 **Midsummer Murders. (R)** 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00
6.00 **Regional News; Weather. 6.30** ITV News; Weather.
7.00 **Emmerdale. 7.30** Coronation Street. 8.00 **Love**
My Garden. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 **Love**
My Neighbour Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? School
10.00 **Our Future. 10.30** ITV News; Weather.
10.30 **Regional News; Weather. 10.50** Film: The
Chronicles of Riddick. (2004) Sci-Fi adventure.
Sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench. 12.55
The Zone. (TV News Headlines. 3.00 Film:
1917. (1917) War. Starring George Clooney.
Charlton Heston. 5.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30
Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Salt Mall. **7 P.** 6.10 The
Hobbs. **8 P.** 6.35 The Hobbs.
7 P. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves
Raymond. **7.55** Frasier. **8.25** Ancient
Cuneiform. **9 P.** 9.00 The
Country House Rescue. **10.05** A Place in the
Sun: Home or Away. **12.00** Channel 4 News.
1.00 River Cottage Bites. **1.10** Science Scams.
1.20 1.20 Film: Day of the Evil Sun. (1968) Western,
starring Glenn Ford. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or
No Deal. **4.30** The Big Bang Theory. **5.00** The
Simpsons. **6.30** 6.30 Hollywood. **7.00**
Channel 4 News. 7.25 thoughttv. **7.30** Double
Lesson. Fictional account of a school teacher who
loses his job. **8.00** 8.00 The Big Bang Theory.
Out of 10 Cats. **9.30** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **10.30**
Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. **11.25** The Big Bang
Theory. **11.50** Music on 4: 360 Sessions: David
Gilmour. **12.00** 12.00 Music on 4: 360 Sessions:
12.55 Music on 4: Album Chart Show.
Introduces... Miles Kane. **1 P.** **1.10** Music on 4: The
Album Chart Show. **2.10** 2.10 The New
Housewives of New Jersey.

Channel 5

R) 3.55 Ugly Betty; (R)	4.40 One Tree Hill; (R)	5.25 Countdown; (R)
6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan.	(12.10 News Lurching. 12.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R)	1.15 Home Alone And Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Investigation. (R)
3.15 Jim's Party: Too Late To Say Goodbye. (8.00) The Big Bang Theory. Drama, starring Steve Peltz. (R)	9.00 5 News at 5; Weather: 5.30 Nightbirds. (R)	5.00 Home and Away. (R)
6.25 OK TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Fifth Gear; 5 News Update. 8.00 Danger: Diggers at Work; 5 News at 9.30 Castle.	10.00 The Mentalist. (R)	10.55 CSI: Miami. (R)
11.00 The Bill. 11.20 SuperCarm. (R)	5.00 Sportsport. Munday. 4.30 Fitties. (R)	5.00 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R)
5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)	5.35 House Doctor. (R)	

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Team spirit proves the key this week

THERE were few stunning individual performances this week in the Worcester Cricket League, but a few significant team efforts may shape the season.

Stourbridge retained the Division One lead after dismissing Bromyard for 137.

A weakened Worcester Nomads side were held at home to Pedmore, clinging on with one

wicket remaining after the visitors made 228-7, **writes Chris Marsh**. Pershore jumped above Nomads to claim second place at the league's halfway point with victory over Oldswinford, thanks chiefly to Liam Ridings' 136.

Astwood Bank thrashed Bewdley, Worcester beat Romsley and Droitwich overcame Redditch in the other matches.

These results essentially ensured that two out of Bewdley, Redditch and Romsley will be relegated. In Division Two the lead changed hands for the fifth week running as Coombs Wood beat Monmouth.

Hagley could manage only a winning draw at home to Belbroughton despite posting a mammoth 357-6 with Chad Hitchcock (78) top-scoring. Bel-

broughton came up just five runs short of Hagley's total, also for the loss of six wickets, after Tom Oliver (141) and Matt Spells (98) put on 257 for the first wicket.

Colwall slipped up to Malvern by three runs and Burghill beat Nether-ton, Worneloe and Kidderminster draw, and Fockenhams beat Dominies by one wicket off the final ball of the match.

WOOD TON, BUT THERE'S NO WIN

Kidderminster Victoria (17pts) 249-8, Wolverhampton (7pts) 169-8. Draw
A SECOND CENTURY in three weeks for Craig Wood gave Kidderminster Victoria a solid start – but Wolverhampton's stubborn resistance denied the home team another win.

Yet again Kidderminster lost the toss and had to bat. Wood opened with Matt Pardoe, who scored 213 for the county second XI last week. However, the openers were split when Chris Russell bowled Pardoe for 13.

Neil Pinner joined Wood and they lifted the home total to 68 before Russell claimed his second wicket, having Pinner caught by Alex Grant for 22, **writes Brian Gittins**.



Craig Wood acknowledges the ovation for his century. Picture: Brian Gittins

Stourport joy as all four teams clinch victory

Stourport 222-9, Old Vigornians 167. Stourport won by 55 runs

STOURPORT enjoyed a wonderful weekend with wins for all four teams.

The firsts stayed in touch with the league leaders as they took 24 points from a 55-run victory over Old Vigornians.

Asked to bat first, Stourport were helped to their total of 222-9 by Craig Siwicki's 56.

In reply, Old Vigornians had no answer to the accuracy of Andrew Platt (6-43) and Steven Yarsley (4-66) and were dismissed for 167 in just 34 overs.

On Saturday Stourport make the journey to Lea Lane to take on local rivals Cookley.

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Wormelow 110, Stourport 114-5. Stourport won by five wickets

Skipper Mark Guest took four wickets for a single run in 4.1 overs and inspired Stourport seconds to a five-wicket win against Wormelow who were bowled out for 110.

Tom Gloster was the other major wicket-taker with 4-16. In reply Stourport took just 16 overs to reach the target.

Oldswinford 190-7, Stourport 193-3. Stourport won by seven wickets
Batting first Oldswinford could manage only 190-7 from 45 overs in the face of accurate bowling from Andy Goddard, who took 4-57.

Sam Hayes (55 not out) and Peter Harrison (37 not out) saw the thirds home. **Stourport 285-7, Ambleside & Wollaston 126. Stourport won by 159 runs**
Clive Judd made 73 as the fourths posted a big score of 285-7.

Ambleside could reach only 126 all out as Toby Barnett grabbed 4-26.

With the score on the dreaded 111, KVCC lost two wickets to Johan Bothma. James Ralph was caught by Suni Patel for seven and Andy Kimberlin was out lbw for a duck.

However, skipper Jonathan Wright gave good support to Wood and they put on 65 before the captain was caught by Aaron Jeavons off Andy Bowyer for 31.

It was now 176-5 and another wicket fell without addition, Marc Edwards out leg before to Bowyer for a first ball duck.

Wood was in majestic form and Chris Whelan batted superbly to help the score up to 211 before he was stumped by Alex Grant off Patel for 24.

Wood finally fell for 118 when he was caught by Grant, giving Russell his third wicket. His innings lasted 198 minutes and struck eleven fours and a six.

Richard Kimberlin looked in good nick for his 15 not out, with Mark Mansell unbeaten on three as Russell finished with 3-42 and Bothma and Bowyer took two wickets apiece, Patel one.

Gareth Williams and Chris Whelan opened the bowling for Kidderminster and were soon rewarded with a wicket when Patel was out lbw to Williams for four.

A second wicket fell at 22, again to Williams, with Hammond caught by keeper Pinner for six. At 45 the other opener, Alex Grant, was run out for 17.

Two more wickets fell with the addition of only 16 runs.

Ticking

Chris Brook was caught Pinner bowled Whelan for four and Danny Bowyer caught James Ralph bowled Wright for three.

However, Aaron Jeavons was showing fight and kept the scoreboard ticking.

Bothma helped the score up to 97 before being run out for 13.

Ralph finished his third over in style with two wickets off the last two balls, both leg before. Russell was out for 16 and Andy Bowyer for a duck.

But they were the last wickets to fall as Jeavons finished undefeated on 83 with 11 fours to save his team. Dave Woollatt was three not out hitting eleven 4s.

Williams and Ralph each took two wickets, with Whelan and Wright getting one each.

Harriers get down to their work



Harriers players are put through their paces at Zortech Avenue on Monday



The hard work begins for Kidderminster as Steve Burr takes training

Pre-season training is under way for players

Kidderminster Harriers cut no corners as they kicked off their pre-season preparations for the new campaign.

The new-look squad were put through their paces at the club's Zortech Avenue training ground on Monday before heading off to Hypoxi, a fitness studio in Kidderminster, for first-day assessments.

The players were put in body suits and had their weight and body mass measured by staff, who will continue to assess the squad as pre-season training unfolds.

Away from Hypoxi, the players were taken outside for 'bleep' tests, designed to ease them back in training gently with short bursts of running.

Manager Steve Burr and his assistant

Gary Wild ran the rule over the squad, which contained no fewer than 10 new signings after a busy summer of transfer activity at Aggborough.

All in all, 21 players are committed to Harriers' cause for next season and physio Gavin Crowe wasted no time in getting down to work with the squad.

Hypoxi is a new tool in the club's pre-season work but Wild believes it to be a key part of preparations, ensuring there can be no shirking from the players.

He said: "With a view to fitness coaches these days and the things that they do, it certainly has evolved over the years."

"The lads will be coming in and having a lot of tests done down at Hypoxi."

Spotlight falls on younger judo hopefuls

NEWER Samurai players took their turn in the spotlight after last week's higher grades events.

The Mini-Me Championships at Gilt Edge Leisure Centre, Kidderminster attracted entrants from 20 clubs from all over the Midlands and Wales.

With three gold, three silver and five bronze medals it was the Samurai club which topped the medals table.

Patrick Kealey, making his competition debut, was first up to compete in the lightest boys group. His father Paul was a local judo star in the 1970s and is now back in training – and his son impressed.

Defeat to a Leicestershire player in his first contest was down to inexperience but he came back strongly with maximum point throws in all his other contests to take silver.

Alex Whall and James Wall claimed bronzes, the latter producing a good throw against a Derbyshire player.

Aiden Preedy looks to be a considerable prospect. Four maximum-point wins, making good use of a newly-learned backwards throw, brought him gold with an emphatic win over a Stroud player in the final.

The lightest girls group saw the ever-enthusiastic Charlotte Spokes win bronze. Stokes is up for every event going and competes with a smile.

The pre-75s section will see two local legends in Gerald Short and Rob Fortune in action.

Bewdley invariably attracts a strong sidecar entry and the 1,000cc right-handers feature the likes of Colin Blackburn, Mark Cossar and Rod, Gareth and Tris Winterburn.

Lady rider Sinead McLaren will hope to show the men how it's done in the 500 class where she squares up to Brian Canning, David Carvill and Josh and Antony Goodwin.

Local lad and British champion Lee Hazelwood heads the quad line-up with Steve Pantrey, Andy Heitman and Graham Bendall likely to be at the sharp end of affairs.

Goonies get on the board
THE Goonies picked up their first victory of the season in the Kidderminster six-a-side league Premier Division, hammering early strugglers Loom and Shuttle 5-1.

The Cricks won their third game, sneaking home by the odd goal in nine against SSC FC.

Pockets FC were involved in perhaps the game of the day in division one, Matt Sleep joining the wide awake club and beating Different Gravy 5-3.

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